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Inaugural Festivities Excite Foreign Envoys

LAST night the Ambassador of Iran Ardeshir Zahedi, and his lovely wife, Princess Shahnaz, entertained at dinner, one of a series of small parties they are giving.

Including the host, four envoys were present and only one of them has been here long enough to have attended a presidential inauguration! There is excitement among the representatives of foreign governments at the prospect of donning full uniform, decorations, plumed hats, etc., for Friday's ceremonies.

The one Ambassador who, with his wife, witnessed this every-four-year event, is J. H. van Roijen, Ambassador of the Netherlands, who has been in Washington since 1944. He has been a part of the last two Inaugural festivities.

The other envoys, with their wives, who were most interested in the procedure, were of course the host; the Ambassador of Argentina and Senora del Carril, and the Ambassador of Lebanon and Mme. Dimechkie. Some of the other guests, the former director of U. S. I. A. and Mrs. George V. Allen, the Director of C. I. A. and Mrs. Allen Dulles, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Paul, are "old hands."

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